

What is claimed is:

1. A surgical instrument comprising:
 - a handle assembly;
 - a rod member extending from a distal end of the handle assembly; and,
 - an adjustment screw located within the handle assembly and upon a proximal end of the rod member, wherein length of the rod member outside of the handle assembly can be changed by the adjustment screw.
2. The surgical instrument of claim 1 wherein a longitudinal axis of the rod member coincides with a longitudinal axis of the adjustment screw.
3. The surgical instrument of claim 1 wherein the adjustment screw includes a bore through which a proximal end of the rod member is seated.
4. The surgical instrument of claim 1 wherein the adjustment screw is contained within the handle assembly and not accessible after manufacture of the surgical instrument.
5. The surgical instrument of claim 1 wherein the adjustment screw includes internal threads which engage with external threads on the rod member.